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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within 3-months of the filing date of the above-identified application. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is not provided because it was previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the following parent applications: U.S. Serial No. 10/388,860, filed on March 14, 2003 (now US Patent No. 6,722,292); 09/829,589, filed on April 9, 2001 (now US Patent No. 6,609,466); 09/358,285 filed on July 21, 1999 (now US Patent No. 6,244,194) and 09/081,411, filed May 19, 1998 (now US Patent No. 5,979,338).

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please direct any response or inquiry to the below-signed attorney at (310) 641-8797.

Respectfully submitted,

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	3,672,515	06/1972	Rous			
	4,344,368	08/1982	Remington et al.			
	2,935,210	05/1960	Cohen			
	4,079,678	03/1978	Champagne			
	4,302,023	11/1981	Kiesz			
	3,273,720	09/1966	Seiz			
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	RE 28244	11/1974	Evans			
	5,979,338	09/1999	Salmanson et al.			
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FOREIGN PATENTS - COPIES OF REFERENCES ARE NOT REQUIRED

	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	437137	11/1967	Switzerland				
	19805445	08/1999	Germany				
	2362160	06/1975	W. Germany				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.) COPIES OF REFERENCES ARE NOT REQUIRED

		Rapid Rack Industries, Inc., Rapid Rack Catalog, 1990.

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